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Dear Dr. López:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final report of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) September 18 - 22, 2000, audit of Nicaragua's meat inspection system. We received your letter dated May 10, 2001, with your comments regarding our Draft Final report of the same audit. This letter has been incorporated into the Final report as Attachment "G."

We appreciate your quick attention to the deficiencies identified in the Draft Final audit report and your assurances that the Nicaraguan establishments have corrected these deficiencies. If you have any questions regarding the audit or need additional information, please contact Mr. Gary Stefan at telephone number 202-720-6400 or facsimile number 202-720-7990.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Brown

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